

# Align Endorsement Rules to National Bylaws

**Problem:** The existing language allows for the endorsement of the candidates of other political parties, which is explicitly forbidden by the national Libertarian Party bylaws.

**Solution:** Restrict endorsements to independent or candidates in non-partisan elections, which are the only candidates apart from Libertarian Party candidates which may be endorsed by the Party and its subordinate organizations.

**Benefits:** The Party Constitution no longer appears to allow something that is expressly forbidden by the national LP bylaws.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>ARTICLE VI ENDORSEMENTS BY THE PARTY</b></p> <p>The Party, its District and Local Committees, shall be empowered to nominate, support, endorse, contribute to, or otherwise assist candidates for public office. Such powers may be applied to candidates of other parties or independent candidates provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>They certify in writing that they do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals and</i></li> <li>b) <i>That the National, State, District, or Local Libertarian Party organization does not have a candidate for such public office.</i></li> </ol>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI ENDORSEMENTS BY THE PARTY</b></p> <p>The Party, its District and Local Committees, shall be empowered to nominate, support, endorse, contribute to, or otherwise assist <u>Libertarian</u> candidates for public office. Such powers may <u>also</u> be applied to <del>candidates of other parties</del> <u>candidates for non-partisan offices</u> or independent candidates provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>They certify in writing that they do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals and</i></li> <li>b) <i>That the National, State, District, or Local Libertarian Party organization does not have a candidate for such public office.</i></li> </ol>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI ENDORSEMENTS BY THE PARTY</b></p> <p>The Party, its District and Local Committees, shall be empowered to nominate, support, endorse, contribute to, or otherwise assist Libertarian candidates for public office. Such powers may also be applied to candidates for non-partisan offices or independent candidates provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>They certify in writing that they do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals and</i></li> <li>b) <i>That the National, State, District, or Local Libertarian Party organization does not have a candidate for such public office.</i></li> </ol>

<p><b>National LP Bylaws Reference:</b></p> <p>ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES</p> <p>4. No affiliate party shall endorse any candidate who is a member of another party for public office in any partisan election. No affiliate party shall take any action inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or these bylaws.</p>
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**MARK-UP LEGEND**

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~red bold italic strikethrough~~.

- Additions are in **blue bold underline**.
- Per LPVA Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, amending the constitution requires a 2/3 vote to pass.
  - Exceptions defined in Section 2 of the same article require 4/5 vote to pass and 90 days notice.
    - Article I, Section 2
    - Article VIII, Section 2
    - Article IX
    - Article X
- Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership